



# Los Angeles County Commission for Women

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## NOMINATION APPLICATION 29<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL WOMEN OF THE YEAR AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP LUNCHEON

The nomination application is to include a biography of the nominee. Copies of this form can be downloaded from the Commission's website at <http://laccw.lacounty.gov>

### NOMINEE INFORMATION:

NAME: Monica Quijano EMPLOYER: Los Angeles Police Department  
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### CRITERIA

Nominees must have worked on behalf of women's issues; made significant contributions to women's equality issues, and served as a role model for women. Previous members of the Commission may be nominated for their current professions and other activities relating to advocacy for women. Previous recipients are not eligible for this award. (See list at: <http://laccw.lacounty.gov> )

**Applications for nominations within these categories may be received from the community and Commissioners. If applying in more than one category, a separate application is required.**

NOMINATION CATEGORY (to be considered, choose only one appropriate choice)

Education _____	Health _____	The Arts / Media _____	Business / Labor _____	Law / Public Safety <u>X</u>
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### NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY: DECEMBER 20, 2013

NOMINATOR: Jessamyn Morales DATE: 12/16/2013  
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## PROCESS OF SELECTION

The Women of the Year Awards recognizes up to ten (10) women who are outstanding role models for over **4 million** women in the County of Los Angeles. District Awardees are selected by each Los Angeles County Supervisor and Community At-Large Awardees are selected by the Commission for Women in the following five categories: **Education, Health, Media/Arts, Business/Labor, Law/Public Safety**. All nominees will be rated on a scale of 1-4 for each of the following areas below. The highest overall score will receive the award nomination.

NOMINEE Monica Quijano

CATEGORY Law/Public Safety

***Please describe your Nominees participation in the following areas in relation to the category chosen:***

***1. My nominee has worked on behalf of women's issues by:***

Detective III Monica Quijano is a 25 year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). For the past three years, she has served as the Department's Domestic Violence Coordinator. Although her duties are numerous, she is tasked with providing City-wide organization and expertise of domestic violence resources. Working together with citizens and LAPD Command Staff, Monica's overall mission is to provide appropriate resources, supporting geographical area operations and improving quality of life within the Los Angeles community. Domestic violence is a devastating legal issue affecting women, families and children. Monica has remained steadfast to ensure the rights of domestic violence victims (survivors) are protected by law. Monica also has expertise in sexual assault and child abuse crimes.

***2. My nominee has made significant contributions to women's equality issues by:***

From a law enforcement and prevention perspective, Monica believes education is the key to preventing domestic violence. Domestic violence statistics are staggering (nearly one in three women experience domestic violence in their lifetime) and the incidents of dating violence among our youth is rising. In recognition of Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month (February 2013) and to ensure that the LAPD is taking effective action, she organized a one-day training seminar for LAPD personnel that included attendance by the Los Angeles County District Attorney, domestic violence advocates, and the Department of Children & Family Services. She also conducted teen dating violence presentations for middle school students where she taught the students about the warning signs of an abusive relationship, how to be safe when using technology, their legal rights and how to recognize a healthy relationship. She stressed the fact that today's youth, especially young women, who are in relationships should be honored and respected. By providing the youth with tools for effective communication, she empowered them to establish healthy relationships. Monica is diligent in promoting awareness and believes we must start with the next generation.

***3. My nominee has served as a role model for women by:***

Monica has been successful in her law enforcement career working various details and climbing the ranks as a Detective Supervisor. She has gained knowledge from her many experiences and always takes initiative to lend a helping hand, sharing her experiences. Her vibrant personality and uplifting spirit makes her the ideal person to serve as a peer counselor for the LAPD, where she is called upon to mentor, support, counsel or just listen to her colleagues that are in need. She leads by example and carries out her commitments. I have witnessed her encounter resistance from colleagues, handling those situations with diplomacy and tact. She balances her personal and professional life; outside of work, she is a wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. Monica is also a member of the Los Angeles Women's Police Officers Association, a member of the Community Advisory Board for Peace Over Violence, and a volunteer for the Girl Scouts of America.

*4. How has your nominee demonstrated an attitude of empowerment, positively influenced and helped women to forge ahead:*

Monica always looks to improve the Community she serves, the LAPD and herself. She is driven to raise awareness and to change people's attitude about domestic violence. She has gracefully taken on the challenging assignments and investigated many cases that have turned to tragedy. Still, she views those challenges as opportunities to impact the lives of survivors and remains committed to reduce the risk of further abuse. Her message is clear: Monica wants to empower domestic violence survivors by educating them about the law and their rights so they can protect themselves and their children. Monica believes domestic violence survivors deserve to be in healthy relationships and full functioning members of society.

***Reason(s) for Nomination, additional comments or more specifics:***

I am honored to nominate Detective III Monica Quijano for the Women of the Year Award. I have had the pleasure of working beside her and have witnessed her go the extra mile to bridge the gap between the Community and the Department. She is enthusiastic, fair and always maintains a professional attitude. Monica is a woman who deeply cares and demonstrates it by being a mentor and confidant to all women of the LAPD. Her achievements and accomplishments on the Department have made it possible for me, as well as other women to succeed. She embodies our LAPD motto, "To protect and to serve." She truly is an asset to the Department and the Los Angeles Community we serve.

Completed forms may be submitted to the Commission for Women at [laccw@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:laccw@bos.lacounty.gov) or  
Mailed to:

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**BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION**  
*DETECTIVE III MONICA QUIJANO*  
*DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COORDINATOR*  
*LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT*

DETECTIVE III MONICA QUIJANO is a 24 ½ year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department. She was born the youngest of four children in Los Angeles, California. She joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1989.

Detective Quijano has held the ranks of police officer, detective and detective supervisor. She has worked a variety of assignments with an emphasis in child abuse, child homicide investigations as well as in sexual assault and, domestic violence. She is a Department recognized subject matter expert in child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence.

As the Department's Domestic Violence Coordinator, she is responsible for evaluating and providing oversight on Department policy and procedures with regards to the investigation of domestic violence.

Detective Quijano strives to ensure the most cohesive approach by law enforcement to domestic violence investigations. She works with Department personnel and community service providers, identifying best practices in addressing the crime of domestic violence and meeting the needs of the survivors.